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Objective and scientific studies of the death of JFK.

ASSASSINATION SCIENCE provides a collection of studies by physicians, scientists, and other serious students that is intended to place the investigation of the death of JFK on an objective and scientific foundation. The contributors are among the best qualified individuals to ever examine the medical and the photographic evidence in this case, including a world authority on the human brain who is also an expert on wound ballistics, a physician with a Ph.D. in physics who is also board certified in radiation oncology, a philosopher who is an expert on critical thinking and also a former Marine Corps officer, a physician who attended both the dying President and Lee Harvey Oswald at Parkland Hospital, a leading expert on the photographic evidence who served as a special advisor to the House Select Committee on Assassinations (HSCA), and other highly-qualified students of the assassination of JFK.

ASSASSINATION SCIENCE is distinctive among works on the assassination of President Kennedy for several reasons. First, it is the only collaborative study that brings together the original work of physicians, scientists, and other serious students; there are ELEVEN contributors rather than only one. Thus, readers have the benefit of exposure to the research efforts of multiple investigators who set forth their findings in clear and accessible language. Second, it includes the most important studies of the medical evidence since the publication of David Lifton's BEST EVIDENCE in 1980 and the most important studies of the Zapruder film ever presented. These results completely undermine previous investigations of the death of JFK, including especially the official government inquiries of the Warren Commission and of the HSCA.

Third, it provides the only comprehensive and detailed critique and response to a series of articles published in the JOURNAL OF THE AMERICAN MEDICAL ASSOCIATION (JAMA) in 1992-93. These articles, which were based upon interviews with the physicians who performed the autopsy at Bethesda Naval Hospital, were hyped by the Editor-in-Chief of JAMA, George Lundberg, M.D., who proclaimed that they were being welcomed into the "peer reviewed" literature on the assassination, in spite of the fact that they had not been refereed by experts on the crime and he knew that at the time. Nevertheless, they received enormous attention by the national press, even though they were based upon the selection and elimination of evidence to provide a biased report in support of a predetermined conclusion.

Fourth, it reports and explains the most important scientific findings in the history of the study of the assassination of John Fitzgerald Kennedy, which include:

- * the discovery that some autopsy X-rays have been fabricated to conceal a massive blow-out to the back of the head caused by a shot from in front;
- * the discovery that other autopsy X-rays have been altered by the imposition of a 6.5 mm metal object that was not present on the original X-rays;
- * the discovery that diagrams and photographs that are supposed to be of the brain of JFK must be of the brain of someone other than John Kennedy;
- * the discovery that the President alone was hit by at least four shots: one to his throat (fired from in front), one to his back (fired from behind), and two to his head (fired from behind and from in front);
- * the discovery that the official "magic bullet" theory cannot possibly be true;
- * the discovery that an absolute minimum of at least six shots were fired in Dealey Plaza during the assassination;
- * the discovery that the Zapruder film of the assassination, which has been viewed as the nearest thing to "absolute truth" by some, has been extensively edited using highly sophisticated techniques;
- * the discovery that Lee Harvey Oswald appears to have been framed using manufactured evidence, including the back-yard photograph; and,
- * the discovery that the Warren Commission inquiry was a political charade featuring -a phoney bullet -a phoney limo -phoney wounds.

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If you were beginning to believe that the lone nut Lee Harvey Oswald did kill President Kennedy all by himself, this is the one book that will convince you, beyond any reasonable doubt, that there was indeed a conspiracy and a cover-up.

Completely lacking the wild speculations that have marred some books on the shooting of JFK, Assassination Science sticks to the hard facts, interpreted by medical and scientific expertise. The experts who have collaborated on this volume worked independently at first, and were drawn together by their shared outrage at biased statements on the assassination made in the Journal of the American Medical Association in 1992.

The contributors explain their evidence and reasoning in easily understandable language. They present new insights on the physical evidence, the autopsy findings, the bullet trajectories, the interpretation of numerous eye-witness accounts, and the misleading logic of the official lone nut theorists.

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